

# Chapel Outreach Program hosts social event by Payin' for 'Ward'

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It's common knowledge that a Friday night down at the Ward Entertainment Center can get a little pricey, especially when the agenda calls for dinner at Buca di Beppos, a spin through the Dave and Busters arcade area, and then a movie.

So for those that took advantage of the Chapel-sponsored Next Level Outreach Program – a Night at Ward Friday evening, it was no surprise that they'd have to reach for their wallets.

What was surprising was their total out-of-pocket expense, according to Airman 1st Class Jason Nunez, Chapel assistant.

"Those who attended had to pay a total of five dollars for all the events," Airman Nunez said.

Thanks to advance coordination with all three establishments as well as subsidies from the chapel team, the event goes only had to pay the pre-negotiated 'set' menu price at the restaurant.

"Normally, you can't even get pu-pus there for five dollars, so we were pretty fortunate to get full meals," he said.

The chapel staff also paid for each attendee to receive a five-dollar power card for the game room at Dave and Busters.

"We went crazy on all the games, especially when we played Skee-ball" said Airman 1st Class Jennifer Suares, Next Level program attendee.

After wearing themselves out playing games, the 13-member group headed over to the Ward movie theater.

"The chapel had pre-paid for the movies, so

each person was able to choose which flick they wanted to see," Airman Nunez said.

The design behind the program is simple, said Chaplain (Capt.) Linzy Laughhunn, who attended the evening out with the group.

We believe that there are Airman and other young people that, given the opportunity and encouragement, would seek to get out and involved in activities and groups that will enrich their experience of Hawaii, Captain Laughhunn said. Our intent is to accomplish this outside of any particular religious context.

The Airmen aren't the only ones who benefit from the program, he said.

Personally, a key reward is simply spending time with these Airmen in environments that recognize them as a whole person with values, interests, and personal experiences that make them distinct in or out of the blue uniform, the chaplain said. "The respect I have for what they are asked to do in the Air Force and for their nation is immense."

Airman Nunez is already hard at work planning the next great outreach adventure, and he thinks it will have a resemblance to a popular television show.

"We're working on a Survivor-type day up at Bellows," he said.

For more information on the Next Level Outreach Program or other chapel events, contact Airman Nunez at 449-1754, ext. 224 .



Army 1st Lt. Kevin Carter and 2nd Lt. Rene Delafuente surround Senior Airman Kevin Cenace, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron as he gathers snacks prior to the start of a movie Sept. 24.

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Chaplain (Capt.) Linzy Laughhunn welcomes the group of diners at the start of the outreach program Sept. 24.



Azaria Smallwood, daughter of Shelley Hamilton-Wray, 15t Airlift Wing Chapel staff, does her best Laila Ali impression at an interactive boxing game Sept. 24.



Skee-ball was the last team competition of the evening before heading to the movies Sept. 24.